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SUBJECT: DENKTASH HANDS OVER PROPOSALS FOR TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT;
CLERIDES IMMEDIATE REJECTS THEM

1. SUMMARY: DENKTASH DELIVERED TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS FOR A
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT TO CLERIDES (AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TO PRESS)
JULY 18. GOC IMMEDIATELY REJECTED PROPOSALS, SAYING THEY ARE
"UNACCEPTABLE AND CANNOT EVEN FORM THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS".
END SUMMARY.

2. DENKTASH'S PROPOSALS WERE GIVEN TO CLERIDES YESTERDAY (JULY 18)
UPON DENKTASH'S RETURN FROM ABROAD.

3. SUMMARY APPEARED IN PRESS JULY 19:

A. REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS SHALL BE INDEPENDENT, TERRITORIALLY
INTEGRAL AND BI-REGIONAL WITH TWO COMMUNITIES HAVING EQUAL
RIGHTS AND POWERS IN EVERY RESPECT.

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B. UNTIL A FINAL SETTLEMENT IS REACHED, EACH COMMUNITY

WILL CONTINUE TO HANDLE ITS OWN AFFAIRS IN ITS
RESPECTIVE AREA.

C. A JOINT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO BE SET UP, BUT
ALL FOREIGN AFFAIRS DECISIONS TO BE SIGNED BY THE LEADERS
OF BOTH COMMUNITIES. CYPRUS SHALL BE NON-ALIGNED AND
UNION IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH ANOTHER STATE PROHIBITED.

D. MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND HEALTH SHALL BE
ESTABLISHED BUT OFFICIALS OPERATING IN THE GREEK OR TURK
AREAS SHALL BE FROM THE SAME COMMUNITY AS THE POPULATION
OF THE AREA IN WHICH THEY ARE WORKING.

E. MINISTRIES SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY BETWEEN TWO COMMUNI-
TIES.

F. MATTERS RELATING TO THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
PRESIDENT TO BE AGREED UPON BY THE LEADERS OF THE TWO
COMMUNITIES.

5. GOC PIO RELEASED STATEMENT BY CLERIDES FEW HOURS LATER
DECLARING THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS "...TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE
AND CANNOT EVEN FORM THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. THEY ARE
AIMING AT THE ABOLITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CYPRUS, WHICH HAS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND THE CONTINUATION
OF THE OCCUPATION BY THE TURKISH FORCES OF 40 PERCENT OF THE
TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC."

5. COMMENT: AT FIRST READING, TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS ARE
CONSISTENT WITH RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY DENKTASH AND CONTAIN
NO SURPRISES IN THEIR EMPHASIS ON CONFEDERATION AND COMMUNAL
EQUALITY. THERE ABSOLUTE REJECTION BY GOC WAS INEVITABLE
AS TURKS WELL KNEW. PREREMPTORY DETAILED PUBLIC REVELATION
MAY MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR GREEK CYPRIOTS TO GO AHEAD WITH VIENNA
TALKS JULY 24. CLERIDES' STATEMENT, HOWEVER, STOPS SHORT OF
RULING OUT VIENNA III. DENKTASH'S FORMULATION OF POWERS
AND FUNCTIONS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ARE STILL TO COME,
PRESUMABLY PRIOR TO JULY 24. END COMMENT.

6. FULL TEXT DENKTASH AND CLERIDES STATEMENTS SENT SEPTTEL.
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